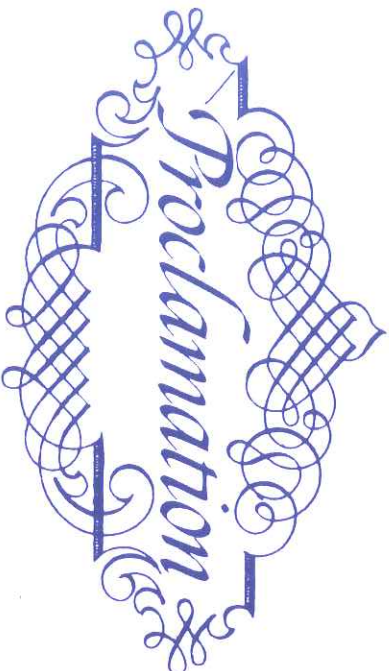


State of Maine



WHEREAS, over 600,000 persons in the United States have Lynch syndrome, but less than 5% of those persons are currently diagnosed and approximately one in every thirty-five individuals with colorectal cancer have Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome is a hereditary predisposition presenting a high lifetime risk of contracting a litany of cancers, including up to an: 85% lifetime risk of colon cancer, 65% lifetime risk of endometrial cancer and higher than average risks of contracting ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and other cancers, often at an early age; and

WHEREAS, knowing one's family medical history of cancers may prompt genetic testing; and

WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will qualify one for annual cancer screening and cancers may be detected early and treated or removed often before becoming life threatening; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of cancer deaths will reduce as a result of public awareness of Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, thousands of lives in Maine will be saved as the result of a diagnosis of Lynch syndrome, NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL R. LEPAGE, do hereby recognize March 22nd, 2012 as

LYNCH SYNDROME CANCERS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this twenty-eighth
day of February Two-Thousand Twelve

Paul R. LePage
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Governor

Charles E. Summers, Jr.
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Secretary of State

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